

and respects senior citizens, the environment, education of our children, key issues that move this country toward the 21st century, not misdirected ideas and policies that undermine what this country should stand for.

The Republicans again do not get it. Democrats are prepared to engage in a bipartisan discussion of keeping this Government going, balancing the budget. But do not scare the American people with false exaggeration regarding the deficit. We know the deficit has come down. We also know the American people know the difference between credit and the need to pay as you go which is their Government's responsibility.

Madam Speaker, I just ask, let us come to the table of reconciliation, pass a clean continuing resolution, keep the Government open, and make sure that the American people in this battle win, and not continue to foster confusion upon our constituents.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House of May 12, 1995, morning hour debate may not continue beyond 9:50 a.m. Accordingly, pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the House will stand in recess until 10 a.m.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 50 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until 10 a.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. MYRICK) at 10 a.m.

PRAYER

Rev. Dr. David Burr, pastor emeritus, First Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, NC, offered the following prayer:

O merciful God, in this season of thanksgiving, we humble ourselves before You and give thanks. Thanksgiving for this blessed land; thanksgiving for this special place and these chosen leaders; thanksgiving for the freedom to debate and represent the people; thanksgiving for our homes and families; thanksgiving for Your eternal presence.

As we give thanks O God, we acknowledge that we are prone to all the weaknesses of human character.

We are selfish, and often think our ways are always the best ways.

Therefore, we ask for wisdom and guidance; we ask for courage that we may be faithful; we ask for patience that we may be fair; we ask for health that we may complete the task before us.

And, O gracious God, we pray for peace, peace in the world, peace in our Nation, and peace in our hearts.

With thanksgiving. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Ohio [Ms. PRYCE] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance?

Ms. PRYCE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 2491), "An Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 105 of the concurrent resolution in the budget for fiscal year 1996," disagreed to by the House, agrees to the conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appointed the following Members to be the conferees on the part of the Senate, with instructions:

From the Committee on the Budget for the consideration of all titles: Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. EXON.

From the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry for the consideration of title I: Mr. LUGAR, Mr. DOLE, Mr. HELMS (for consideration of section 1113 and subtitle D), Mr. COCHRAN (except for consideration of sections 1106, 1108, 1113, and subtitle D), Mr. CRAIG (for consideration of sections 1106 and 1108), Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. PRYOR.

From the Committee on Armed Services for the consideration of title II: Mr. THURMOND, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. BINGAMAN.

From the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs for the consideration of title III: Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. GRAMM, and Mr. SARBANES.

From the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation for the consideration of title IV: Mr. PRESSLER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. HOLLINGS, and Mr. INOUE.

From the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for the consideration of title V: Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. HATFIELD, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. JOHNSTON, Mr. BUMPERS, and Mr. FORD.

From the Committee on Environment and Public Works for the consideration of title VI: Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. REID.

From the Committee on Finance for the consideration of title VII and title XII: Mr. ROTH, Mr. DOLE, and Mr. MOYNIHAN.

From the Committee on Governmental Affairs for the consideration of title VIII (and for consideration of the title of the House bill relating solely to abolishing the Department of Commerce): Mr. STEVENS, Mr. COHEN, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. GLENN, and Mr. PRYOR.

From the Committee on the Judiciary for the consideration of title IX: Mr. HATCH, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. BIDEN.

From the Committee on Labor and Human Resources for the consideration of title X: Mrs. KASSEBAUM, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. COATS, Mr. FRIST, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. PELL, and Mr. SIMON (for ERISA and other matters).

From the Committee on Veteran Affairs for the consideration of title XI: Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 103-322, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic leader, announces the appointment of Gilbert L. Gallegos, of New Mexico, to the National Commission to Support Law Enforcement.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will recognize fifteen 1-minutes on each side.

WELCOME TO DR. DAVID BURR

(Mr. BURR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURR. Madam Speaker, as is tradition in the House, I have the honor this morning of introducing our guest Chaplain. Dr. David Burr attended Princeton Theological Seminary after serving in World War II as a frogman in our Navy.

He has served Presbyterian churches in Charlottesville, VA; Norfolk, VA, and retired in a church in Winston-Salem, NC, during his 43 years in the ministry.

David Burr served as the chairman of the Southern Presbyterian Church and on the board of trustees at Davidson University.

Today is indeed a special one for me, because our guest Chaplain watched me take my first step, was there on my first day of school, and served as my roll model in life. David Burr is indeed my father, but he is also my best friend. I am honored today, Dad, to welcome you to the U.S. House of Representatives.

THE PRESIDENT SHOULD STAND FAST

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I spoke earlier about the fact that I was